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EDITORIAL NOTES.

In Wayne county, the prospect is pleasing.

A Rockingham visitor tells us that that county is O K

In Cleveland county the negro racket is not working and the fusionists expect to make gains over their vote two years ago.

A private letter from Cumberland says: "The situation in this county is encouraging. Am sure we will sweep the county by 500."

Dr. Cyrus Thompson will address the people at the following places: Roxboro, Person county, Thursday, Nov. 3; Jonesboro, Moore county, Saturday, Nov. 5.

We hope our subscribers who have sent money within the past two weeks will excuse our failure to correct dates on label. The matter will be attended to as promptly as possible.

In Wilson there is no negro officer except one on the Educational Board appointed by Democratic votes. Now these same Democrats are yelling "nigger domination." But it doesn't work.

Tell the honest Democrats of the State that their hired, lying press is trying to deceive them. There is not a township, county nor district in North Carolina that is under negro rule. They cannot name one.

To any live, wide awake farmer, the article in this issue, "Winter Composts for Manure," will alone be worth a year's subscription. Read it carefully and then put it in your scrap book for future reference. It is one of the most valuable farm articles we have seen lately.

Machine Democrats must have pie or they commit murder. Some of them are threatening already. And yet they claim to be respectable and fit to govern a great State like North Carolina. North Carolina must be ruled by peaceable people, not by rioters, lynchers and murderers.

At least one scheme of the Democratic machine has been discovered—their scheme to report race riots, murders and rapes just before the election. Still it is probable that they have not abandoned the plan and we again warn the people. Do not be deceived. Fore warned is fore armed.

This is the last issue of THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER that will reach any considerable number of subscribers before the election. In this issue we give a partial review of our course during the campaign. Read this issue carefully and pass on to a neighbor or carry it to the polls with you. You may need it.

It is a little curious that just as the greatly exaggerated "racier" at Ash pole was taking place on account of "negro rule" a race riot occurred in Mississippi, a Democratic State, in which several people were killed. Race riots have been occurring ever since the war, regardless of politics or locality. Nine tenths of them are whiskey riots, however.

The Governor's Proclamation published elsewhere in this issue may seem a little premature, but it is doubtless better to seize time by the forelock. It cannot be denied that Democratic ruffians—not the rank and file, but bullies, servants of the machine—had attempted to stifle free speech in some of the counties. The proclamation means: "The law must and shall be enforced." Only that and nothing more. No man who does not intend to break the law can find in it anything to condemn, for the law affords equal protection to Democrat and fusionist.

Don't forget the "big three"—the three leading Democratic papers of the State. These are: The Raleigh Post, the Charlotte Observer, and the Raleigh News and Observer. The first is a goldbug paper, and the Stateville Maecot (Dem.) charges that "the large majority of the Post's stockholders, from railway Magnate A. B. Andrews down to the small fry, voted either for Palmer or McKinley, in the last election." The Charlotte Observer is also a strong goldbug Cleveland anti Bryan paper. And the News and Observer, which last spring claimed to be a silver paper, is now splitting its throat over a "minor issue," in order, as it expresses it, that "the people may live and die under the crushing domination of the gold standard." Can you get free silver from such as these? Bah!

Senator Marion Butler will address the people at Mt Olive, Wayne county, Thursday, Nov. 31. If the Democratic party desires a division of time at this point with Senator Butler, correspondence should be had with Dr. Cyrus Thompson, State Chairman People's party Executive Committee, at Raleigh. Mr. Butler will also speak at Fayetteville, Cumberland county, Saturday, Nov. 5th. Let every voter attend and hear the issues of the day discussed.

We heard Hon. C. B. Aycock speak recently. He said that "again the Republican party is in power here and again lawlessness and riot reigns supreme." This is what he said. The records show that he "said a yarn" and we can prove it. The official reports of the penitentiary show the number of criminals that have been received each year for the past six years, to be as follows:

YEAR.	CONVICTS
1893	542
1894	536
1895	488
1896	471
1897	448
1898 (8 mos.)	208

FIGURES FOR TAX-PAYERS.

It is not yet too late to re-iterate a few of the statements (with the figures to prove them) made in Mr. J. W. Denmark's letter to C. B. Aycock. Mr. Aycock, as you know, has been yelling much over the increase in expenditures for the fusionist years 1894-5-6 and 7 over the Democratic years 1892-3 and 4. He claimed that the increase for three years of fusion rule over the three years of Democratic rule was \$386,000. As a matter of fact, it was only \$206,000. Now there are just two queries in this connection: Where did the money come from, and what was done with it? Let us see. As to where the money was secured, it seems that the present administration was much less partial to the corporations than the Democratic. In the three years of "fusion rule," the fusionists squeezed more than the Democrats in these three years out of—

Bank stock,	\$ 6,698 68
Bank licenses,	4,318 72
B & L associations,	7,945 60
Telegraph and telephones,	3,183 81
Corporations,	2,000 00
Express companies,	2,609 60
Insurance companies,	69,728 17
Railroad companies,	7,288 59
Mercantile agencies,	515 00
Steamboats and canals,	7,598 97
Supreme Court R. ports,	9,639 31
Laws and Journals,	107 25
Roster of State Troops,	19 25
Duggists' Liquor License,	3,120 85
Piano and Organ Dealers' License,	2,450 00
Seal Tax,	449 93
Indigent Pupils,	5,052 25
Dividends of N. C. R. R.,	13,210 00

Total from these 18 acts, \$145,835 98

Now you see why the corporations and corporation attorneys are yelling about the present "corrupt administration." Then, too, in the counties the present administration collected more out of—

R. R. companies (for sch's),	\$33,070 42
Banks & B & L associations,	4,625 93
Income tax,	3,914 80
Town property,	17,460 07
Hotels and b'd'g houses,	2,150 57
Lawyers' and doctors' licenses,	20,295 00

Another reason why they yell. Then, too, it seems that the present administration is partial to farmers for they in their 5 years have collected on the following accounts less than the Democrats did in their three years—

Tax on mules,	\$9,930 99
Tax on h. rees,	8,678 14
Tax on cattle and other animals,	3,471 52
Tax on land,	20,260 08
Tax on farmers' tools,	5,584 44

And when the long favored corporations found an administration that increased their taxes and decreased those of the farmer of course they said it was corrupt! Do you see?

Now as to Query No. 2: "What was done with the money?" Well, let's see what the Democrats did with some of theirs. They paid out more on the following accounts than have the Populists—

Inaugural Ball,	\$ 530 00
World's Fair Managers,	399 75
Oyster patrol and shell fish accounts,	5,024 92
Capital Square,	891 40
Governor's Mansion,	4,442 10
State Guard,	34,301 40
Geological Survey,	4,331 39
Railroad Commission,	1,936 40
Quarantine Station,	5,045 82
Penitentiary Earnings,	40,593 24
State University,	22,500 00
Adjutant General's Dep'tm't,	1,664 64
Old claim of Mrs. Hinton,	1,792 00
W. & W. R. R. tax refunded,	10,193 34
Fees refunded to Sec'y State,	3,322 20
State Hospital,	3,066 67
Institution for the D. D. & B.,	1,000 00
Settling State taxes,	590 00
State records,	605 12
R. R. and steamer tax ref'd,	81 23

Auditor's Department,	208 37
Executive Department,	250 00
State Department,	249 93
Treasury Department,	259 98
Dep'tm't of Pub. Instruct'n,	41 61
Bureau of Immigration,	12 50
Teachers' Institutes,	2,499 90

Total on these accounts, \$145,933 91

And on the following accounts the "fusionists" have paid out more than the Democrats:

Agricultural societies,	\$ 1,000 00
Disabled soldiers,	120 00
Criminal insane,	3,114 70
Direct tax refunded,	1,973 39
Guilford Battle Ground,	1,300 00
Fugitives from justice,	2,763 76
Indigent pupils (D. D. & B.),	4,267 50
Interest on State bonds,	38,805 54
Pensions,	34,170 15
Judiciary,	10,315 83
Penitentiary old debts,	24,158 71
Oxford Orphanage, colored,	6,250 00
Normal Schools,	7,739 57
Soldiers' Home,	2,750 00
State boundary line, by Gov. Carr,	4,241 31
State Normal and Industrial College,	16,000 00
State tax refunded,	4,379 01
Portrait of Senator Vance,	500 00
Board of Bryan electors,	414 70
Bureau of Labor Statistics,	501 29
Board of Public Charities,	557 88
Crop Pest Commission,	148 60
Eastern Hospital,	25,500 00
East'n Cherokee Indian sch'l,	200 00
College A. & M. Arts, white,	2,500 00
A. & M. Arts, col'd,	10,000 00
N. C. School for D. & D.,	44,850 00
State Board Canvassers 95,	62 20
Agricultural Department,	34,623 17

Total on these accounts, \$283,403 31

The following items though much larger than for the last three years of the Democratic administration, were no more nor no less perhaps than they would have been under any other administration—and may fairly be left out of the calculation to wit:

Interest,	\$38,805 54
Ag'l Dep't,	34,623 17
Pensions,	34,170 15

Total on these accounts, \$107,598 86

To this which all went out on Democratic laws—add the debts of the penitentiary which the present administration found, paid and is charged with \$24,158 71 and we have \$131,757 56, which deducted, really leaves this administration \$74,243 ahead of the Democrats, but out of this you will find appropriations for much needed improvements and buildings, which were asked for by Democrats as follows:

Criminal Insane,	4,114 39
Oxford Orphanage (col.),	6,250 00
Normal Schools,	7,739 57
Soldiers' Home,	2,750 00
State Normal College,	16,000 00
East'n Hospital,	24,500 00
A. & M. Colleges,	12,500 00
N. C. School for D. & D.,	44,850 00

On these accounts, \$118,703 96

Everybody of every party conceded that these appropriations were necessary—they were all recommended and lobbied through by Democrats and voted for by Democrats in the General Assembly. These figures taken into proper account, then, turn the balance in favor of the present administration by \$44,461 on all other accounts. We have challenged those who are charging the present administration with extravagance to name the items of extravagance, but we, so far, have not had them.

We give the facts. Let the people judge.

BULL PENS VS. MISSISSIPPI ELECTION LAW.

We rather believed during the early part of the campaign that the Democratic machine intended to take steps to put on us a Mississippi or South Carolina election law. A correspondent takes this view of the case in this issue. The Democrats truthfully say that the Constitution would have to be changed, but of course did they desire this, it would be easy with bull pen methods to get a majority to change the Constitution.

But since investigating, ruminating and cogitating, we do not believe they want a Mississippi law. The old bull pen method is 1892 and previous years are better for them in that they can then disfranchise whom they please without sacrificing their platform. Their platform, as you know, is "the nigger." With a Mississippi or South Carolina election law the "nigger" would be out of the way; their platform would be gone; they would have to discuss principles, and they would have nothing to hide their record. With bull pens they can still howl "nigger" and keep the laboring classes divided; still raise smoke to hide their record; still do the bidding of the goldbugs and monopolists and whip the silver men into line with the nigger cry and wind up by using the bull pens to put themselves in, and to the monopolists and goldbugs will "be all the power and glory forever. Amen." Of the two methods we much prefer the South Carolina law.

THE STATE FAIR—WHO IS TO BLAME?

Sometime ago the management of the so-called State Fair made some nice promises and religious and secular press, accepting these at face value, announced that the Fair this year would be clean and creditable. THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER said, "When the Fair proves itself clean, then, and not till then, should it receive the support of our State Board of Agriculture."

Well, the Fair was held in this city last week and we do not hesitate to say it was by all odds the most indecent and vulgar one we have ever seen. Unless the State decides to put a premium on vice, filth and general wickedness, or the Fair is purged of its uncleanness, it should never receive more aid from the State. If it must depend on disgraceful side shows to keep it alive, let it die, and die at once. It will be better for the people of the State and for the Fair managers. The people of the State are too virtuous, too decent to patronize a fair, where nothing is too much of a humbug and nothing too vulgar or indecent to obtain admission, provided it pays a certain per cent. of its worse-than blood money into the hands of the managers.

As the Western Plowman said of the Illinois State Fair managers recently: "Some of them are good men, excellent men, but others, it would seem, have no more regard for decency than a hog has for beautiful flowers."

If the Fair wishes the support of the State, let it not insult Christian civilization by acting as if our men had no virtue and our ladies no modesty.

We are told that the President and also a committee of reputable gentlemen appointed to inspect the side shows did all in their power to make the Fair a clean one, but there were some "circumstances over which they had no control." The people do not understand, but they as tax payers demand and we demand that this committee make a full explanation and give the names of those who are to blame. Justice to themselves demands it.

ALL THIS IN ONE COLUMN.

We hesitate—but it's the truth and it's deserved. So in one column of the News and Observer of the 28th ult., were three positive statements which we can prove are totally false; two positive statements which we heard denied by the very men to whom they refer only the night before; five statements which we defy it to prove; and three statements which if true, proves that it is shielding or failing to expose criminals, and therefore deserves a place in the penitentiary.

These are words of truth and soberness, and if the News and Observer wants the proof we can give it. We defy it to call for it. What do the decent, truth loving people think of such a newspaper, and its children, the North Carolinian and Farmer and Mechanic?

THE EXTRA THAT NEVER CAME.

The report published in THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER and Raleigh Times Visitor last week that Croatan Indians and not negroes were the ones who had the trouble with the white people of Robeson county was unfounded. But next day we noticed in the Wilmington Messenger the following telegram:

"A RACE RIOT

"Occurs in Mississippi in Which Eleven Negroes and One White Man are Killed.

"NEW ORLEANS, La., Oct. 24.—The Picayune's Forest, Miss., special says: 'Eleven dead negroes, one dead white man and one negro and three white men seriously wounded, is the result at this writing of the bloody war being waged between the white and black races in the Harpersville neighborhood of Scott county. Several of the rioters have been captured and lodged in jail at Forest to day, but the others escaped into the swamps. Large crowds of white men are in close pursuit, however, and more names are hourly expected to be added to the death list.

"It is impossible to obtain a full list of the killed for the reason that some negroes were shot down in the woods and hurriedly buried by the whites where they fell. A member of the posse said that he helped to bury three negroes in trenches, but neither himself or any one in his crowd knew the names and did not care enough about them to inquire.

"Governor McLaurin went to Harpersville last night and appealed to the whites not to molest the prisoners in the custody of the sheriff. The Governor's talk had a good effect on the majority of those in the crowd, but some of the hot-headed members did not relish the Governor's interference and told him so in language more plain than polite. For instance at a point in the Governor's speech where he was emphasizing the duty of every citizen to aid in the enforcement of the law,

one impudent individual in the audience yelled: 'Governor, during the recent yellow fever epidemic, when your services were wanted at Jackson, you could not be found. Where were you then? Now, when your services are not needed, you come and stick your nose in our business. Go back to Brandon.'

"The Governor paid no attention to the remark, but continued his arguments, and finally persuaded the crowd to permit the sheriff to take the prisoners to jail. The Governor returned to Brandon this morning.

"Sheriff Stephenson has been placed on guard at the Forest jail to prevent the lynching of the rioters, now in custody on account of open threats being made here to storm the prison. To night the negroes under arrest have made a full confession.

"The funeral of the murdered officer, Sibley, occurred at Harpersville to day and was attended by hundreds of people.

"It is reported here that two of the murdered man's brothers are on their way from their home, Yazoo county, at the head of a large crowd bound for the scene of the race war. It is feared that when they arrive a determined and successful assault will be made on the negroes and all the rioters will be lynched.

"LATER—Sheriff Stephenson considered the situation so serious to night that he took the prisoners to Meridian for safe keeping. A large posse was organized and the negroes will be placed on the 9 o'clock train."

After reading this we waited for an extra edition of the News and Observer. Every minute we expected to hear the newsboy yelling, 'Extra! Extra! News and Observer! All About the Terrible Race Riot! Only Five Cents a Copy! Minutes passed and finally merged into hours and still the cry of the newsboy was not heard. What could be the matter? Was Josephus, the alert, ever-vigilant, never sleeping, uncompromising advocate of white supremacy dead? Was he who only the morning before had started our city at break of day with an extra to tell of a little insignificant affair in Robeson county, asleep? Surely he who had issued a four page extra to cuss out our State government because of the little Robeson affair would issue an eight page with scare heads and cartoons to just cuss the Mississippi government blue because of this riot a thousand fold worse than the Robeson affair! It made us whistle just to think of what blistering language Josephus would use to tell of the vileness of Mississippi's State administration! And oh, how earnestly Josephus would plead with the white men of the State, the members of our brave, all conquering Anglo-Saxon race, to rise up and drown by an avalanche of votes the party in power in Mississippi—the party responsible for this terrible riot, the party on whose head was the blood of these murdered men! And then he would conclude with these eloquent words: "See the sad plight of Mississippi! See how her white men must risk their lives, must murder, must kill, in order to protect their liberties! The party in control there must be destroyed—and it must not, shall not, win in North Carolina. To your tents, O, Israel!"

But alas! no extra came. Hours passed and finally the regular edition came! But there was no scare head type, no terrible cartoon, no earnest appeal such as we looked for. We looked the paper over two or three times before we found this little insignificant item without any display, without any scare head—in fact no head of any kind—tucked away with some unimportant matter:

"In a riot precipitated by the blacks in Scott county, Mississippi, one white man and eleven negroes were killed. The whites have followed the negroes into the swamps, and more bloodshed may follow."

Of course we were amazed. Had Josephus turned traitor! Had his eloquence forsaken him? "Alas!" we moaned, "our Josephus, our eloquent, unflinching tribune of the people has sold out to the negro party. And who now will plead with the people to drown with their ballots a party that had given Mississippi such an administration that the white people must fight and die in order to defend their liberties?" But just then it flashed over us—we remembered that

MISSISSIPPI LIKE TEXAS, IS DEMOCRATIC?

In the words of the Psalmist, "Selah!"

TAKE WARNING.

A correspondent from Mississippi writes as follows:

In Mississippi the new Constitution, which was never submitted to the people for ratification, and is not democratic in any sense, DISFRANCHISED ABOUT 40,000 WHITE VOTERS, MOSTLY OLD CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS, who are now raising up their sons to hate the Democratic party as you or any other liberty loving people would do. You do not have any conception of such an outrage as this until

you get into it, and while you are out stay out at any cost. In Mississippi circuit clerks, all Democrats, do all the registering of voters and are the sole judges of the voters' qualifications and can reject those who are not Democrats on the most flimsial excuses.

Good bye, friends. May the good Lord be with and save you from the evil to come.

J. C. CARPENTER,
Oak Grove, Miss., Oct. 27th, 1898.

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

THE ANNANIAS CLUB WILL BE BUSY UNTIL AND DURING ELECTION DAY. LOOK OUT FOR ALL KINDS OF FALSEHOODS REGARDING CRIMES, RACE RIOTS, POPULISTS JOINING DEMOCRATS, SPEECHES MISQUOTED, ETC., ETC. THERE WILL POSSIBLY BE THREATS AND INTIMIDATION IN SOME PLACES. KEEP YOUR TEMPER BY ALL MEANS AND DEPEND ONLY ON THE LAW'S STRONG ARM TO UPHOLD THE RIGHT. LET REASON AND CALMNESS PREVAIL. REMEMBER THIS, ACT THIS, AND REGRET IT YOU WILL NOT.

THE SWISS GOVERNMENT PURCHASE CHASE RAILROADS.

The election to settle the long and bitterly discussed question of the purchase of the five main railroad lines of Switzerland by the government was held yesterday (Sunday, Feb. 20th) and by 8:30 o'clock in the evening the general result was known in every town and city in the Republic. The news was given to the government absolutely free of charge, which demonstrates the fact that Switzerland has one of the finest telephone systems in the world. It is owned by the Government and operated in the interest of all the people.

The total number of votes cast was 560,893, each citizen above the age of 21 having the right of suffrage. Of this number of voters, 384,382 were in favor of and 176,511 against the purchase, making a majority in favor of Government ownership 207,871. The roads to be purchased are as follows: Jura Simplan, Swiss Northeast, Swiss Central, United Swiss, and Gotthard. On the 6th of December, 1891, the question of the purchase of the Swiss Central Railroad was voted upon, and the vote cast was 420,500. The number in favor of the purchase was 130,500; and the number opposed was 290,000; the majority against the purchase was 159,500. Thus it will be seen that there has been, since 1891, a great change in the minds of the people of Switzerland concerning the government ownership of railroads, and this change has been brought about by a thorough discussion of the subject in the press and on the platform. Never before in the history of the Republic has such a bitter contest been waged, and never before has the government received such a large majority.

The amounts estimated as being the cost of construction and equipment of the five main lines are as follows: Jura Simplan, \$54,494,000; Swiss Northeast, \$44,250,000; Swiss Central, \$28,200,000. Total, \$126,944,000. The total length is 1,700 miles, and the amount that the government will have to pay for these roads is estimated at about \$200,000,000. The total receipts in 1897 were \$20,722,600. An average of 5 percent dividends has been declared during the past five years. The number of persons employed is about 25,000. The result of the election is being celebrated with great enthusiasm throughout the country.—Jas. T. DuBois, Consul General St. Gall, Feb. 21, 1898.

When Americans can cease vilifying each other in political campaigns to get into control of affairs and unite in pushing the best interests of all we may see such an election in the United States. How much better this sort of an election under the light of exhaustive discussion, and putting the roads to their legitimate use as the accommodation of the public at a little more than cost than to have to support a corporation in ownership of public franchises in squeezing wealth from the public. See recent railway lease transactions in this State for a contrast to this recent Swiss action as well as to the old level headed steamship ship which built the North Carolina railroad.

But also notice that the Swiss government also own and operates the telephone system which even before the evening of the election day had passed could make the result known to most of the people.

This is a notable event and our people should ALL know of it and resolve to secure this same kind of service at home in railway, telegraph and telephone service.

A character sketch of Col. Theodore Roosevelt, dealing especially with the personal qualities of the man who will appear in McClure's Magazine for November. It will be illustrated by several portraits, one of them a quite recent one taken especially for McClure's.